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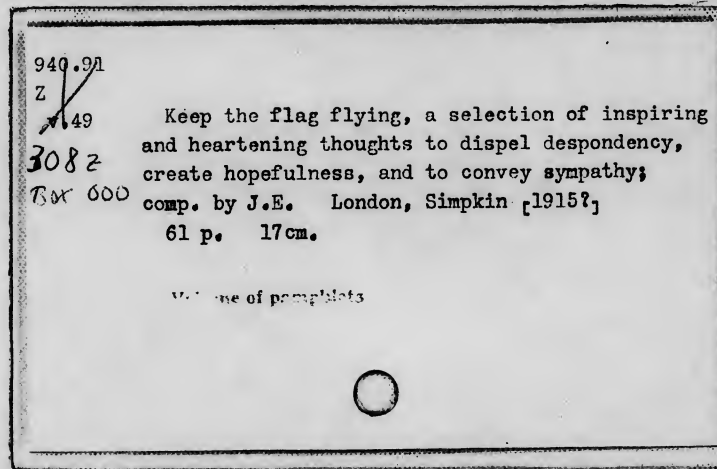
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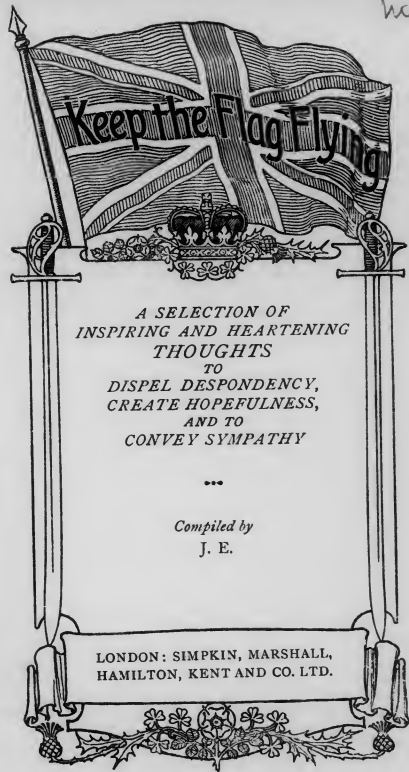
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# KEEP THE FLAG FLYING



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*A SELECTION OF  
INSPIRING AND HEARTENING  
THOUGHTS  
TO  
DISPEL DESPONDENCY,  
CREATE HOPEFULNESS,  
AND TO  
CONVEY SYMPATHY*

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TO  
FIELD-MARSHAL SIR JOHN FRENCH,  
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AND ALL  
SERVING UNDER THEM  
ON LAND AND SEA,  
INCLUDING  
DOCTORS AND NURSES

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H.M. KING GEORGE'S  
MESSAGE.

E are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we intend not to lay down our arms until that has been fully accomplished.

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This is not merely a material, it is also a spiritual conflict; upon its issues everything that contains the promise of hope, that leads to emancipation and a fuller liberty for the millions who make up the mass of mankind, will be found sooner or later to depend.

*The Prime Minister.*



### *Keep the Flag Flying.*

Always say a kind word, if you can, if only that it may come in perhaps with singular opportuneness, entering some mournful man's darkened room, like a beautiful fire-fly, whose happy circumvolutions he cannot but watch, forgetting his many troubles.

*Friends in Council.*



They only the victory win  
Who have fought the good fight and have van-  
quished the demon that tempts us within;  
Who have held to their faith, unseduced by the  
prize that the world holds on high;  
Who have dared for a high cause to suffer,  
resist, fight—if need be to die.



Actions, looks, words, steps, form the alpha-  
bet by which you may spell character.

*Lavater.*

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### DON'T FLINCH

There are no more precious and true pages in history than the records of men who have faced unpopularity, odium, hatred, ridicule, detraction in obedience to an inward voice, never lost courage and good nature.

*J. Burroughs.*



### BE TRUE

Let the world be better, brighter,  
For your having trod its way;  
Let your light be seen afar  
Ere sinks down life's little day.

Scatter seeds of love and kindness,  
As you tread the heavenward road  
You will find them all again  
In the paradise of God.

*Sister Dora.*



Dreams pass; work remains. They tell us that not a sound has ever ceased to vibrate through space; that not a ripple has ever been lost upon the ocean. Much more is it true that not a true thought, nor a pure resolve, nor a loving act has ever gone forth in vain.

*F. W. Robertson.*

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### FIGHT THE FIGHT

In God's own might  
We quit us for the coming fight.  
And, strong in Him whose cause is ours,  
In conflict with unholy powers,  
We grasp the weapons He has given—  
The Light and Truth and Love of Heaven.

*J. G. Whittier.*



Do thy day's work, dare refuse no help thereto,  
Since help refused is hindrance sought and found.

Wherever's will to do, there's plenty to be done.

*R. Browning.*



God give us men. A time like this demands  
Clear minds, pure hearts, true faith, and ready hands;  
Men who possess opinions and a will,  
Men whom desire for power does not kill.  
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy,  
Men who have honour, men who will not lie;  
Tall men, sun-crowned men, who live above the fog  
In public duty and in private thinking.

*O. W. Holmes.*



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### I WOULD

I would be true, for there are those who trust  
me;

I would be pure for there are those who care;  
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;

I would be brave, for there is much to dare;  
I would be friend of all—then, for the friendless,

I would be giving and forget the gift;

I would be humble, for I know my weakness;

I would look up—and love and lift.



Things of price are bought with pain,  
The pleasing way is not the right;  
He that would conquer Heaven must fight.

*Francis Quarles.*



### YOUR DUTY AND MINE

Duty never needs pursuing,  
Always it awaits your doing,  
Though it may perhaps seem but a common  
task;

From the common-place concession  
There will come Divine fruition—  
Greater, grander, gladder than your heart could  
ask.

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### GIVE THE BEST

Love is the greatest thing that we can give  
each other. We must always be giving each  
other bread or money or jewels or books or  
counsel; and then we think we have accom-  
plished something. But love is the real gift:  
no other can take its place, but it can take the  
place of all the rest.

*May Kendall.*



The longer I live, the more certain I am  
that the great difference between men, between  
the feeble and the powerful, the great and the  
insignificant, is energy, invincible determination.  
A purpose once fixed—then death or victory.

*T. Fowell Buxton.*



You must live each day at your very best;  
The work of the world is done by few;  
God asks that a part be done by you.

Have a purpose and do with your utmost might;  
You will finish your work on the other side,  
When you wake in His likeness, satisfied.

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### NO EASE TO PAIN COMES FROM MURMURING

There are some sorrows which cannot share  
with others and which must be borne by our-  
selves alone; yet we know that there is un-  
speakable comfort in having near us, even then,  
those who love us, and who, if they can do no  
more, can at least watch with us.

*D. Macleod.*



Can you do a kind deed—do it,  
From despair some soul to save;  
Bless each'day as you pass through it,  
Marching onward to the grave.

Days for deeds are few, my brother,  
Then to-day fulfil your vow;  
If you mean to help another,  
Do not dream it—do it now.

If you have a kind word—say it:  
Throbbing hearts soon sink to rest;  
If you owe a kindness—pay it,  
Life's sun hurries to the west.



This is a world of action, and not for moping  
and droning in.

*Charles Dickens.*

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### PENSIVE MEMORIES

Thou knowest all the present—each temptation,

Each toilsome duty, each foreboding fear.

All to myself assigned of tribulation,

Or to beloved ones, than self more dear;

All pensive memories, as I journey on,

Longing for vanished smiles and voices gone.

*J. Borthwick.*



Rise! for the day is passing,  
And you lie dreaming on;  
The others have buckled their armour,  
And forth to the fight are gone:  
A place in the ranks awaits you,  
Each man has some part to play;  
The Past and the Future are nothing,  
In the face of the stern To-day.

*A. A. Procter.*



It is moral courage that characterises the  
highest order of manhood and womanhood, the  
courage to seek and speak the truth; the  
courage to be just; the courage to be honest;  
the courage to resist temptation; the courage to  
do one's duty.

*S. Smiles.*

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### DUTY AND PRAYER

In evil times it fares best with them that are  
most careful about duty and least about safety.



Cometh sunshine after rain,  
After mourning joy again;  
After heavy bitter grief,  
Dawneth surely sweet relief!  
And my soul, who from her height  
Sank to realms of woe and night,  
Wingeth now to heaven her flight.

Though to-day may not fulfil  
All thy hopes, have patience still;  
For perchance to-morrow's sun  
Sees thy happier days begun.  
As God willeth march the hours,  
Bringing joy at last in showers,  
And whate'er we asked is ours.



I came here to perform my duty and I  
neither do nor can enjoy satisfaction in any-  
thing excepting the performance of my duty to  
my own country.

*Duke of Wellington.*

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### BE TRUE

He's true to God who's true to man; wherever  
wrong is done  
To the humblest and the weakest, 'neath the  
all-beholding sun,  
That wrong is also done to us; and they are  
slaves most base  
Whose love of right is for themselves, and not  
for all their race.

*J. R. Lowell.*



Be noble—that is more than wealth,  
Do right—that's more than place;  
Then in the spirit there is health  
And gladness in the face;  
Then thou art thyself at one  
And no man hating, fearest none.

*George Macdonald.*



Be noble! And the nobleness that lies  
In other men, sleeping, but never dead,  
Will rise in majesty to meet thine own!  
Then thou wilt see it gleam in many eyes,  
Then will pure light around thy path be shed,  
And thou shalt never more be sad and lone!

*J. R. Lowell.*

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### DULL THOUGHTS

If we do not want dull thoughts to come, we must keep 'em away like I keep the weeds out o' my bit of garden. I fill the beds so full of flowers that there isn't any room for weeds.

*Mark Guy Pearse.*



Get into the habit of looking for the silver lining of the cloud and when you have found it, continue to look at it, rather than at the leaden grey in the middle. It will help you over many hard places.

*A. A. Willets.*



He who would have full power must first strive to get power over his own mind.

*King Alfred.*



Sympathy is one of the great secrets of life. It overcomes evil and strengthens good. It disarms resistance, melts the hardest heart, and develops the better part of human nature. It is one of the great truths that christianity is based upon.

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### ON ACTIVE SERVICE

It is for active service that soldiers are drilled and trained and fed and armed! That is why you and I are out in the world—not to prepare only to go out of it some day, but to serve it now.

*H. Drummond.*



A man without self-restraint is like a barrel without hoops, and tumbles to pieces.

*H. W. Beecher.*



True bravery is shown by performing, without witnesses, that which, if known, would win the plaudits of all the world.

*La Rochefoucauld.*



Love alone is might,  
Makes the heavy burden light;  
Smooths rough ways for weary feet,  
Makes the bitter morsels sweet;  
Love alone is strength.

*G. Macdonald.*



Whatever a man's station in life, if he be in earnest, his personal influence must count.

## KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

### QUIT YOU LIKE MEN

Let us take issue with desponding and break  
a lance against fear and rejoice in to-day. Let  
a cheerful confidence in our countrymen, our  
institutions, in our means of civilisation and  
comradeship take rest in our hearts and live in  
our families. Take courage and have courage.



Have you flowers for the dead?  
While the lips are red  
Send the flowers;  
While the hand can hold  
And the heart be told  
Sweet words in its fettered hours.

*G. Klinge.*



The test of our love is obedience. This is the  
touch-stone: it sweeps away a whole mass of  
natural feeling, and shows what is gold and  
what is brass.



It is not *going into* the furnace, but the  
*coming out*, which demonstrates the metal.

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### OUR RESERVE POWER

In a noisy and confused time like ours, it  
does seem that most of us have need to be  
reminded of, and will be the better for bearing  
in mind, the reserve of strength and power  
which lies quietly at the nation's call, outside  
the whirl and din of public life, and entirely  
ignored by the columns of the daily press.



Things can never go badly wrong  
If the heart be true and the love be strong,  
For the mist if it comes, and the weeping  
rain  
Will be changed by the love into sunshine  
again.



The school of suffering is the largest in the  
world, but, unlike other schools, no one enters  
it voluntarily; it is universally shunned, yet it  
is the best of all schools. It furnishes the  
highest grade of instruction, it disciplines  
character, and helps to build it up into solid  
and noble proportions. The strongest and  
ripest characters are those which have suffered  
most.

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### JUSTICE

It often falls in course of common life  
That right sometimes is overborne with wrong,  
The advance of gold or guile or strife  
That weakens her, and makes the other strong;  
But justice, though her doom she do prolong,  
Yet, at the last, will make her own cause strong.

*Spenser.*



There is no success for the man  
Who vacillates;  
Who shirks responsibilities;  
Who is discouraged by reverses;  
Who expects nothing but failure;  
Who is always anticipating trouble;  
Who never puts his heart into anything;  
Who is constantly grumbling about his work;  
Who thinks the times are always out of joint,  
and that he was not born at the right moment,  
or in the right place.



The wise and active conquer difficulties by  
daring to attempt them; sloth and folly shiver  
and shrink at sight of toil and hazard, and  
make the impossibility they fear.

*Rowe.*

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### THE MUSIC OF SORROW

It is often in sorrow that our lives are taught  
the sweetest songs. There are human lives  
that never in the calm of quiet days yield the  
music that is in them. It is only when the  
breezes of care and trouble sweep over them  
that they give out soft musings of song.



The happiness in life consists in something  
to do, something to love, and something to  
hope for.



There is no greater honour to a man than  
to suffer for the sake of that which he thinks  
and knows to be righteous.



Be still, sad heart! and cease repining;  
Behind the clouds the sun is shining;  
Thy fate is the common fate of all;  
Into each life some rain must fall—  
Some days must be dark and dreary.

*H. W. Longfellow.*

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### PLAY THE MAN

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;  
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift:  
Shun not the battle, face it—'tis God's gift.



Though smiles and tears, and sun and storm,  
Still change life's ever-varying form;  
The mind that looks on things aright,  
Sees through the clouds the deep blue light.



Hope is grief's best music.

Look not mournfully back into the past, it  
cometh not again. Wisely improve the present,  
it is thine. Go forth to meet the future without  
fear, and with a manly heart.

Hope is the thing with feathers

That perches on the soul;

And sings the tune without the words,

And never stops at all.

*E. Dickinson.*



The rougher the voyage, the quieter the  
haven.

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### FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

If there be no enemy, no fight; if no fight,  
no victory; if no victory, no crown.



Hope softens sorrows, brightens plain sur-  
roundings, and eases a hard lot. It is grief's  
best music.



Be strong to *hope*, O heart!

Though day is bright,

The stars can only shine

In the dark night.

Be strong, O heart of mine,

Look towards the light!

Be strong to *bear*, O heart!

Nothing is vain;

Strive not, for life is care,

And God sends pain,

Heaven is above, and there

Rest will remain!

*A. A. Procter.*



It is not enough to be a man; the respon-  
sibilities of manhood must be discharged.

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### OVERCOME

Some men only require a great difficulty set  
in their way to exhibit the force of their  
character and genius.

*S. Smiles.*



The heights by great men reached and kept  
Were not attained by sudden flight,  
But they, while their companions slept,  
Were toiling upward in the night.



Then life is—to wake, not sleep,  
Rise, and not rest, but press  
From earth's level, where blindly creep  
Things perfected, more or less,  
To the heaven's height, far and steep.

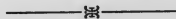
*R. Browning.*



There is so much bad in the best of us,  
And so much good in the worst of us,  
That it hardly behoves any of us  
To talk about the rest of us.

*R. L. Stevenson.*

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### RIGHT *versus* MIGHT.

**W**HAT better or higher cause,  
whether we succeed or fail—  
and we are going not to fail but to  
succeed—what higher cause can  
arouse and enlist the best energies  
of a free people than to be engaged  
at one and the same time in the  
vindication of international good  
faith, the protection of the weak  
against the violence of the strong,  
and in the assertion of the best ideals  
of all the free communities in all  
the ages of time and in every part  
of the world against the encroach-  
ments of those who believe, and  
who preach, and who practise the  
religion of force?

*The Prime Minister.*



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### DOING ONE'S DUTY

Let it make no difference to thee whether  
thou art cold or warm, if thou art doing thy  
duty and whether thou art drowsy or satisfied  
with sleep and whether ill-spoken of or praised.



Courage, brother, do not stumble,  
Though thy path be dark as night,  
There's a star to guide the humble,  
Trust in God and do the right.  
Though the way be long and dreary  
And its ending out of sight,  
Foot it bravely—strong or weary,  
Trust in God and do the right.

*Norman Macleod.*



Times of general calamity and confusion have  
ever been productive of the greatest minds.  
The purest ore is produced from the hottest  
furnace, and the brightest thunderbolt from the  
darkest storm.

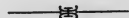
*Marcus Aurelius.*



It is not necessary I should live, but it is  
necessary I should be a true man.

*Martin Luther.*

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### OUR ARMY AND NAVY.

**N**EVER had a people more  
or richer sources of en-  
couragement and inspiration. Let  
us realise, first of all, that we are  
fighting as a United Empire in a  
cause worthy of the highest tradi-  
tions of our race. Let us keep in  
mind the patient and indomitable  
seamen who never relax for a moment  
night or day, their stern vigil on the  
lonely sea. Let us keep in mind our  
gallant troops, who to-day, after  
a fortnight's continuous fighting  
under conditions which would try  
the mettle of the best army that ever  
took the field, maintain not only an  
undefeated but an unbroken front.

*The Prime Minister.*

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### MEN WANTED

Give us men!  
Men from every rank:  
Men of thought and reading,  
Men of light and leading,  
Free and fresh and frank,  
England's wealth and welfare speeding;  
Men of faith and not of faction,  
Men of lofty aim and action:  
Give us men, I say again,  
Give us men!

Give us men!  
Strong and stalwart ones:  
Men whom purest honour fires,  
Men who trample self beneath them,  
Only let their Country wreath them  
As her worthy sons,  
Worthy of their sires!  
Men who never shame their mothers:  
Men who never fail their brothers;  
True, however false are others;  
Give us men, I say again,  
Give us men!

Give us men!  
Men who, when the tempest gathers,  
Grasp the standard of their fathers,  
In the thickest fight:  
Let the cowards cringe and falter,

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### MEN WANTED—*Continued*

Men who strike for home and altar,  
God defend the right!  
True to truth, though lorn and lonely,  
Tender—as the brave are only;  
Give us men, I say again,  
Give us men!

Give us men!  
Men, whose lives reflect the beauty  
Of the saints of olden time;  
Men who know and do their duty,  
As from rock to rock they climb:  
If they stumble, born of woman,  
All the humbler, all the stronger  
Haply struggling on the longer;  
Not angelic, nobly human,  
Very men of flesh and blood,  
Yet of heaven's own brotherhood,  
Men of God;  
Give us men, I say again,  
Give us men!

*E. H. Bickersteth.  
Late Bishop of Exeter (by per.).*



When the song's gone out of your life, you  
can't start another while it is a-ringing in your  
ears; but its best to have a bit of silence,  
and out o' that maybe a psalm'll come by-and-by.

*E. Garrett.*

## KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

### THE MEETING OF SORROW

Every day of meeting sorrow superbly makes the life more grand. Every tear that falls from one's own eye gives a deeper tenderness of look and touch of word, that shall soothe another's woe. Sorrow is not given to us alone that we may mourn. It is given that, having felt, suffered, wept, we may be able to understand, love, and bless.

*A. R. Brown.*



Though beaten back in many a fray,  
Yet freshening strength we borrow,  
And where the vanguard halts to-day  
The rear shall camp to-morrow.



Endurance is the crowning quality,  
And patience all the passion of great hearts.

*J. R. Lowell.*



There are three sorts of men in the world—the wills, the wont's, and the can'ts. The first effect everything, the second oppose everything, and the last fail in everything.

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### OUR DUTY.

**M**EANWHILE, let us go, each of us to his or her appropriate part in the great common task.

We must learn to take long views, and to cultivate above all other qualities those of patience, endurance and steadfastness.

*The Prime Minister.*

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### SERVING OTHERS

Nothing so increases the degree of energy as the glow and ardour and joy of doing some little service for another. In this lies the real blessedness, the real luxury of life.

*Lilian Whiting.*



You have no enemies, you say?

Alas, my friend, the boast is poor;

He who has mingled in the fray

Of duty that the brave endure,

*Must* have made foes! if you have none,

Small is the work that you have done,

You've hit no traitor on the hip,

You've dashed no cup from perjured lip,

You've never turned the wrong to right,

You've been a coward in the fight.

*Charles Mackay.*



Kind words do not cost much. They never blister the tongue or lips. We never heard of any mental trouble arising from this quarter. Though they do not cost much, yet they accomplish much. They make other people good-natured. They also produce their own image on men's souls, and a beautiful image it is.

*Blaise Pascal.*

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### BE BRAVE AND CHEERFUL

My days with toil are weary,

My nights with care oppressed,

I work and wait with heavy heart

For I long for peace and rest.

I'm tired of the rush and hurry,

Of the labour and care of the day,

Of the pain, the heartache, the worry

That fritters our lives away.

But a ray of light in the gloaming,

When the clouds hide the wearying days,

Brings with it this comfort assuring,

God leads us through devious ways.

So I'll try to be brave and cheerful,

With my life to do my best,

To bear with the cares and the burdens,

And leave with God the rest.



An acre of performance is worth a whole land of promise.

*Howell.*



Grumbling is a bad trade, and yields no profit; but patience has a golden hand.

*Chas. Spurgeon.*

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### OF REAL USE

If I can stop one heart from breaking,  
I shall not live in vain;  
If I can ease one life the aching,  
Or cool one pain,  
Or help one fainting robin  
Into his nest again,  
I shall not live in vain.

*E. Dickenson.*

Sweeter than any song  
My songs that found no tongue;  
Nobler than any fact  
My wish that failed of act;  
Others shall sing the song,  
Others shall right the wrong—  
Finish what I begin,  
And all I fail of win.  
What matter, I or they?  
Mine or another's day?  
So the right word be said.

The great successes of the world have been  
affairs of a second, a third, nay, a fiftieth trial.

*John Morley.*

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### HOW DID YOU TAKE IT?

How did you fight?  
Did you tackle that trouble that came your way  
With a resolute heart and cheerful?  
Or hide your face from the light of day,  
With a craven heart and fearful?

Oh, a trouble's a ton, or a trouble's an ounce;  
Or a trouble is what you make it;  
And it isn't the fact that you're hurt that counts,  
But only, how did you take it?

For the test of the heart is trouble,  
And it always comes with the years;  
And the smile that is worth the praises of earth,  
Is the smile that shines through tears.

By thine own soul's law, learn to live;  
And if men thwart thee, take no heed  
And if men hate thee, have no care—  
Sing thou thy song, and do thy deed;  
Hope thou thy hope, and pray thy prayer,  
And claim no crown they will not give.

*J. G. Whittier.*

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### AS I PASS ALONG

However meagre be my worldly wealth,  
Let me give something that shall aid my kind:  
A word of courage, or a thought of health  
Dropped, as I pass, for troubled hearts to  
find.

*E. W. Wilcox.*

God gives each man one life, like a lamp, then  
gives  
That lamp due measure of oil; lamp lighted—  
hold high, wave wide.

*R. Browning.*

The inner side of every cloud  
Is bright and shining.  
I therefore turn my clouds about,  
And always wear them inside out,  
To show the lining.

Be inspired with the belief that Life is a  
great and noble calling, not a mean and  
grovelling thing that we are to shuffle through  
as we can, but an elevated and lofty destiny.

*W. E. Gladstone.*

## *Keep the Flag Flying.*

### A VOICE FROM THE PAST.

LET us recall the memories of  
the great men and the great  
deeds of the past, commemorated  
some of them in monuments which  
we see around us, not forgetting  
the dying message of the younger  
Pitt—his last public utterance, made  
at the Mansion House, "England  
has saved herself by her exertions  
and will, as I trust, save Europe  
by her example." The England of  
those days gave a noble answer to  
his appeal and did not sheath the  
sword until after nearly twenty years  
of fighting the freedom of Europe  
was secured. Let us go and do  
likewise.

*The Prime Minister.*

## KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

### KEEP SMILING

It is easy enough to be pleasant  
When life flows by like a song;  
But the man worth while is the one who will  
smile  
When everything goes dead wrong.

*E. W. Wilcox.*



We learn to climb by keeping our eyes, not  
on the valleys that lie behind, but on the mountains  
that rise before us.



No laurel decks the brow,  
Nor trump of fame  
Sounds to posterity  
His humble name.

But truly great the man—  
A conqueror he—  
Who over self obtains  
The mastery.



Obedience to duty, at all costs and risks, is  
the very essence of the highest civilised life.

## KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

### YOUR PLACE

Just where you stand in the conflict—  
There is your place;  
Just where you think you are useless—  
Hide not your face.  
God placed you there for a purpose,  
Whate'er it may be;  
Think, He has chosen you for it,  
And work loyally!



Cast all your care on God—that anchor holds.



The world is full of noble tasks,  
And wreaths hard won;  
Each work demands strong hearts,  
strong hands,  
Till day is done.



Carry the sunshine with you into the sick-  
room of your patient, and you will leave it  
there when you depart.

*Reuben Ludlam.*

## KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

### JUST A SMILE

What a lot of good you'd do

If you'd smile,

As this world you travel through,

If you'd smile;

Though you're neither rich nor clever,

Though your youth be gone for ever,

Yet one thing you can endeavour,

You can smile.

*G. Arundel.*



If none were sick and none were sad,

What service could we render?

I think if we were always glad

We scarcely could be tender.

Did our beloved never need

Our patient ministration,

Earth would grow cold, and miss, indeed,

Its sweetest consolation.

If sorrow never claimed our heart,

And every wish were granted,

Patience would die, and hope depart:

Life would be disenchanting.



Be quiet in act as you have been in thought.

*Shakespeare.*

## KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

Each man has his own vocation. The talent is the call. There is one direction in which all space is open to him. He has faculties silently inviting him thither to endless exertion. He is like a ship in a river; he runs against obstructions on every side but one; on that side all obstruction is taken away, and he sweeps serenely over a deepening channel into an infinite sea.

*R. W. Emerson.*



As we meet and touch each day,

The many travellers on our way;

Let every such brief contact be

A glorious, helpful ministry.

*S. Coolidge.*



Every day that is born into this world comes like a burst of music, and rings itself all the day through; and thou shalt make it a dance, or a dirge, or a life-march, as thou wilt.

*T. Carlyle.*



Out of the hands of pain and suffering more gifts have come to men than from any other source.

*J. M. Blake.*



## KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

There is a compensation for everything that befalls us in this life. Who can tell what is the pleasure of rest till he has felt tired? or who finds any enjoyment in eating but the hungry? And can anyone enjoy the treasure of health until he has passed through weary hours of sickness and nights of languishing? So it seems to me there is a law by which out of every evil which overtakes us comes some good, the latter following the former as surely as day follows night.

*R. Ellis.*



Well to suffer is divine,  
Pass the word along the line,  
Pass the countersign, "Endure."  
Not to him who rashly dares  
But to him who nobly bears  
Is the victor's garland sure.



Every blade of grass, each leaf, each separate floret and petal, is an inscription speaking of Hope. Consider the grasses and the oaks, the swallows, the sweet blue butterfly—they are one and all a sign and token showing before our eyes earth made into life.

*R. Jefferies.*

## KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

It is a dark and cloudy day for you! A storm has burst upon you; but you remember how, after the storm, the bow is set in the cloud for all who will look above to the Hand that smites them; the storm has come, and now we must look up and wait and watch, in prayer and faith, for the rainbow of promise and comfort.

*M. Charlesworth.*



Every day is a fresh beginning,  
Every morn is a world made new;  
You, who are weary of sorrow and sinning,  
Here is a beautiful Hope for you—  
A hope for me and a hope for you.

*S. Coolidge.*



Oh, but life is strong, and us  
Bears with its currents onwards; us, who fain  
Would linger where our treasures have gone  
down,  
Though but to mark the ripple on the wave,  
The small disturbing eddies that betray  
The place of shipwreck. Life is strong, and still  
Bears onward to new tasks and sorrows new,  
Whether we will, or no.

*Dean Trench.*

## KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

Service implies self-giving. There is service which is just self-satisfaction, pleasing to the taste for doing and meddling, and there is a service which is exactly measured to its pay. True service implies giving, the surrender of time or taste, the subjection of self to others, the gift which is neither noticed nor returned.

*Canon Barnett.*



Wouldst thou be happy?  
Take an easy way;  
Think of those around thee—live for them each day,  
Think of their pain, their loss, their grief, their care,  
All that they have to do, or feel, or bear;  
Think of their pleasure, of their good, their gain;  
Think of those around thee, it will not be in vain.



If thou wouldst win, keep still the goal in view;  
Who looks this way and that, travels not true;  
Mark well the rule; he that would reach his home,  
Out of himself and all, with a whole heart must come.

## *Keep the Flag Flying.*



### FOR KING AND COUNTRY.

**S**AY what men will there is something more truly christian in the man who gives his time, his strength, his life if need be for another, not himself—whether he call it his King, his country, or his colours—than in all the asceticism, the fasts, the humiliations and confessions which have ever been made; and the spirit of giving one's life without calling it a sacrifice is found nowhere so truly as in England.

*Florence Nightingale.*

## KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

"To-morrow never comes," says the old proverb. And as certain is it that yesterday never returns. Therefore let us do good and be good to-day.

*G. Arundel.*



If thou canst plan a noble deed,  
And never flag till it succeed,  
Though in the strife thy heart should bleed;  
Whatever obstacles control,  
Thine hour will come. Go on, true soul.  
Thou'lt win the prize, thou'lt reach the goal.

*Charles Mackay.*



A sound mind in a sound body . . . is the  
most useful instrument wherewith to serve God.  
Then welcome each rebuff  
That turns earth's smoothness rough,  
Each sting that bids not sit nor stand, but go!

*R. Browning.*



Let us be patient! These severe afflictions  
Not from the ground arise,  
But oftentimes celestial benedictions  
Assume this dark disguise!

*H. W. Longfellow.*

## KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

We long for great events, for imposing duties.  
We could make something of our life, we think,  
if we had not such small, sordid cares and tasks.  
We ask for heroic duties, but the duties that  
lie to our hands are heroic. The so-called  
heroic occasions are, after all, often easier, and  
therefore less heroic, than the commonplace  
trials that daily tell the stuff of which we are  
made.

*Hugh Black.*



Take up thy burden, child of weary toil,  
Dwell not complainingly upon thy lot;  
Let industry be numbed by no recoil,  
Let dead despondency thy soul not blot;  
Envy and sloth be resolute to foil;  
Where'er life's wants press most, regard that  
spot  
As being unto thee the battlefield  
Where heroes conquer, and where cowards  
yield.

*W. S. Sandes.*



It is ignoble to sit down and repine, or even  
to endure passively limitations which energy  
and faith would easily surmount.

*Lilian Whiting.*

## KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

Take pains, take trouble. Whatever you do,  
do thoroughly. Whatever you begin, finish.  
It may not seem to be worth your while at the  
moment to be so very painstaking, so very  
exact. In after years you will find it *was* worth  
your while.

*C. Kingsley.*

¶  
Methinks I heard Hope sweetly singing,  
Singing in an undertone;  
Singing, as though God had taught her,  
It is better further on.

¶  
Honour to those whose words or deeds  
Thus help us in our daily needs,  
And by their overflow  
Raise us from what is low.

*H. W. Long fellow.*

¶  
Sympathy is the sufferer's physician, the  
Florence Nightingale of the domestic circle, a  
cordial in the hour of sorrow, an angel of com-  
fort when hope has fled, the strongest cord  
which binds friend to friend, a refreshing stream  
springing from the fountain of love.

## *Keep the Flag Flying.*

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**W**E have behind us and on our  
side all the moral influences  
of the civilised world. We have on  
our side the incalculable forces of  
human courage and endurance—  
forces far greater than any material  
or mechanical means that can be  
brought against us, and, above all,  
we have the consciousness that  
with the success of our arms is  
inextricably bound up that which  
is above all things most valuable  
to the future of humanity—the  
sacredness of international law and  
the rights of international freedom.

Can any one doubt, whether it  
be short or long, that in this cause  
we shall triumph?

*Hon. A. J. Balfour.*

## KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

There is no victory possible for boy or man  
without humility and magnanimity, and no  
humility or magnanimity possible without an  
ideal.

*Tom Hughes.*



So, if the now seem cruel and hard,  
Endure it with thoughts of the afterward;  
And be sure that each task is clearly set  
To brace thee for other tasks harder yet.  
Train the stout muscles of the will  
In the daily grapples with daily ill,  
Till, strong to wrestle, and firm to abide,  
Thou shalt smile at the turbulent Jordan tide.

*S. Coolidge.*



God gives to every man  
The virtues, temper, understanding, taste,  
That lifts him into life, and lets him fall  
Just in the niche he was ordained to fill.

*Cowper.*



Any coward can fight a battle when he's sure  
of winning, but give me the man who has pluck  
to fight when he's sure of losing.

*G. Eliot.*

## KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

My brother, the brave man has to give his  
life away. Give it, I advise thee—give it, like  
a royal heart; let the price be nothing. Thou  
*hast* then, in a certain sense, got All for it!  
The heroic man has to do so, in all times and  
circumstances.

*T. Carlyle.*



Let him not boast who puts his armour on  
As he who puts it off, the battle done;  
Study yourselves, and most of all note well  
Wherein kind Nature meant you to excel.

*H. W. Longfellow.*



Even our failures are a prophecy,  
Even our yearnings and our bitter tears.  
After that fair and true we cannot grasp;  
As patriots who seem to die in vain  
Make liberty more sacred by their pangs.

*G. Eliot.*



Not stirring words, nor gallant deeds alone—  
Plain, patient work fulfilled that length of life;  
Duty, not glory—service, not a throne,  
Inspired his effort, set for him the strife.

*A. H. Clough.*

## KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

A good character is a coat of triple steel,  
giving security to the wearer, protection to the  
oppressed, and inspiring the oppressor with awe.



Fear to do base, unworthy things, is valour.  
If they be done to us—to suffer them  
Is valour, too.

*Ben Jonson.*



Wouldst thou be useful? Think not of thyself,  
Be as the stream that stands not at its source,  
But flowing onward, cheers the thirsty fields  
That wait its course.



Art thou little, do that little well, and for thy  
conduct know  
The biggest man can do his biggest work no  
better than just so.

*J. S. Blackie.*



True courage is not incompatible with nervousness,  
and heroism does not mean the absence of fear,  
but the conquest of it.

*Henry van Dyke.*

## *Keep the Flag Flying.*



**T**HE British Empire is now fighting for its existence. I want every citizen to understand this cardinal fact, for only from a clear conception of the vast importance of the issue at stake can come the great national, moral impulse, without which Governments, War Ministers, and even navies and armies, can do but little. We have enormous advantages in our resources of men and material, and in that wonderful spirit of ours which has never understood the meaning of defeat. All these are great assets, but they must be used judiciously and effectively.

*Lord Kitchener.*

## KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

Noble examples stir up to noble actions, and  
the very history of large public souls inspires a  
man with generous thoughts.

*Seneca.*



We are builders, and each one  
Should cut and carve as best he can.  
Every life is but a stone,  
Everyone shall hew his own.  
Make or mar shall every man.



Not once or twice on our rough islands;  
The path of strong duty is the way to glory.

*Tennyson.*



Our dangers and temptations are our very  
ground of hope.

*J. Keble.*



Be thou prepared for the fight if thou wilt  
have the victory. If thou desire to be crowned,  
fight manfully, endure patiently.

*Thomas à Kempis.*

## KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

### DUTY

What concerneth every man is not whether  
he fail or succeed, but that he do his duty,  
according to the light which may have been  
given him, until he die.

*Ian Maclaren.*



Give strength, give thoughts, give deeds, give  
help,  
Give love, give tears, and give thyself;  
The more we give  
The more we live.

*F. W. Farrar.*



Chivalry means far more than reverence of  
men for women. It means reverence of strength  
for weakness wheresoever found.

*W. C. Gannett.*



What would this world be without Hope?  
It is the light in the darkness, joy in sorrow,  
and strength in weakness; without it the world  
would be desolate indeed. Its beams are like a  
great searchlight shining in our hearts and  
brightening up every corner, until we mount,  
as with wings, over difficulties and circumstances,  
and triumph glorious over the enemy, Despair.

## KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

### YOUR NICHE

Find your purpose and fling your life out to it, and the loftier your purpose is, the more sure you will be to make the world richer with every enrichment of yourself.

*P. Brooks.*



Self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control,  
These three alone lead life to sovereign power.  
Yet not for power (power of herself  
Would come un-called for), but to live by law,  
Acting the law we live by without fear;  
And, because right is right, to follow right  
Were wisdom in the scorn of consequence.

*Tennyson.*



They are the best comforters and helpers  
of their fellow-men who go about with large  
hopefulness and cheerfulness in their own hearts,  
trying to put a little more hope and cheer into  
the life of everyone they meet. What most  
people really need in their troubles, is not to  
have the burden lifted off, but to have their  
own hearts strengthened with fresh hope and  
cheer, so that they may overcome in their  
struggles.

*J. R. Miller.*

## KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

### THE PATHWAY OF DUTY

And, as the path of duty is made plain,  
May grace be given that I may walk therein,  
Not like the hireling for his selfish gain,  
But, cheerful, in the light around me thrown,  
Walking as one to pleasant service led,  
Doing God's will as if it were my own.  
Yet trusting not in mine, but in His strength  
alone.

*J. G. Whittier.*



Wait till the trial is over,  
And take thy heart again,  
For as the gold is tried by fire,  
So a heart must be tried by pain.

*A. A. Procter.*



It matters not how deep intrenched the wrong,  
How hard the battle goes, the day how long.  
Faint not, fight on. To-morrow comes the song.

*M. D. Babcock.*



It is time to be brave, it is time to be true,  
It is time to be finding the thing you can do;  
It is time to put by the dream and the sigh,  
And work for the cause that is holy and high.



## KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

### BE EARNEST

God! fight we not within a cursed world  
Whose very air teems thick with leagued fiends?  
Each word we speak has infinite effects—  
Each soul we pass must go to heaven or hell—  
And this our one chance through eternity  
To drop and die, like dead leaves in the brake!  
Be earnest, earnest, earnest!  
Do what thou dost as if the stake were Heaven,  
And that thy last deed ere the Judgment-day!  
When all's done, nothing's done. There's rest  
above—  
Below let work be death, if work be love.

*C. Kingsley.*



### A RESOLVE

I am only one,  
But still I am one;  
I cannot do everything,  
But still I can do something;  
And, because I cannot do everything,  
I will not refuse to do  
The something I can do.



Sorrow and trouble either soften the heart  
or harden it.

## *Keep the Flag Flying.*



**L**IBERTY was infinitely  
precious to our fathers,  
because it bore the marks of  
sacrifice. It was crimsoned  
with the red stain of their  
own blood. We are inclined  
to hold our liberties cheaply  
because they cost us nothing.

*J. H. Jowett.*

## KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

### SORROW'S LESSON

Do not cheat thy heart, and tell her,  
"Grief will pass away;  
Hope for fairer things to-morrow,  
And forget to-day."  
Tell her, if you will, that sorrow  
Need not come in vain;  
Tell her that the lesson taught her  
Far outweighs the pain.



### LOYALTY

Love thou thy land, with love far brought  
From out the storied past, and used  
Within the present, but transfused  
Thro' future time by power of thought.

True love turn'd round on fixed poles,  
Love that endures not sordid ends  
For English natures, freemen, friends,  
Thy brothers and immortal souls.

*Tennyson.*



### YOUR DUTY

Do thy duty: that is best;  
Leave unto thy God the rest.

## KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute;  
What you can do, or dream you can, begin it:  
Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it.  
Only engage, and then the mind grows heated;  
Begin, and then the work will be completed.

*Goethe.*



### THE COMING FIGHT

Our fathers to their graves have gone,  
Their strife is past—their triumph won;  
But sterner trials await the race  
Which rises in their honoured place—  
A moral warfare with the crime  
And folly of an evil time.

*J. G. Whittier.*



### GIVE YOUR BEST

Give your best—  
Give your best on each occasion  
Right foot foremost, do not shirk  
What is irksome, dull, or trivial.  
Brace yourself to do the work  
That is portioned for your doing.  
With your might and for the rest  
God will mark and bless the effort,  
Give your best.

## KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

### DETERMINATION OF CHARACTER

Things that are worth the winning  
Must ever at cost be won;  
A feeble wish can accomplish naught,  
And see no great thing done;  
They that are wise press onward,  
They who are strong ascend;  
So be not stilled by a great defeat,  
But begin again, my friend.

*M. Farningham.*



There is no safer place than the path of duty,  
even when it seems surrounded by perils.



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